

9 MS. WISSBECK: My name is Cathy Wissbeck and
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10 first I would like to acknowledge the young lady who spoke
11 before the comment period.

12 It's hard for anyone to do any public speaking,
13 and her generation is going to need to cope with the results of
14 what we do here today and in the future, and we should
15 encourage them to express themselves.

16 As a citizen of Lincoln County, I'm here to
17 express -- express opposition to the transportation and storage
18 of nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain and the transportation of
19 high-level nuclear waste through Caliente and Lincoln County.]

20 Secondly, and important to me, as a bookstore
21 owner, I spend a good part of the day discussing local politics
22 with residents and customers.

23 It's unsettling to hear the number of people who
24 are afraid to express their opposition on this subject openly
25 for fear of losing their jobs in this economically depressed

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1 area, which is run by so few.

2 Fortunately, the situation is alleviated somewhat
3 when we won the fight to get an initiative on the ballot, and
4 voters could express their opinion in the ballot box.

5 However, those of us who would like to have our
6 data distributed are stymied by lack of funds, slick propaganda
7 fliers and the hubris of some local officials who feel their
8 job is not to represent us, but their own vested interests

9 Thank you for spending the day with us listening
10 to of us who have spent years researching and studying and
11 worrying out about difficulties that pertain to nuclear power.

12 Please also try to hear the voices of those who
13 feel constrained to keep their silence.